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SUBJECT: CHINA: DEMARCHE REQUESTING STATEMENT CONDEMNING
AL-ASKARIYA SHRINE BOMBING

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Classified By: Political External Unit Chief Edgard Kagan. Reasons 1.4
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(C) China is still following the situation in Samarra and has not yet decided on the appropriate response, MFA West Asia and North Africa Affairs officer Fu Lihua told poloff in response to the February 23 delivery of the reftel demarche. Fu said she would pass on our request, as well as the President's statement and the joint statement by Ambassador Khalilzad and General Casey, to her superiors for consideration.
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